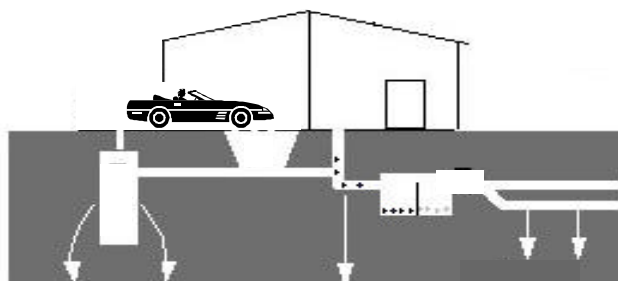


New Requirement

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently banned the construction and permitting of **NEW Large Capacity Cesspools** and **NEW Motor Vehicle Waste Disposal Wells**

Purpose of Ban

These two waste disposal systems have a large potential to contaminate underground sources of drinking water. This new rule will prevent contamination and protect public health by eliminating disposal of wastes through these systems.



Motor Vehicle Waste Disposal Wells are shallow waste water disposal systems (septic systems, cesspools or drywells) that receive or have received fluids from vehicle repair or maintenance activities often through floor drains or wash basins in the service facilities.

Facilities that might have a motor vehicle waste disposal well include: service stations, auto body repair shops, automotive repair shops, new and/or used auto dealerships, specialty repair shops such as transmission, brake and muffler repair, fire stations, county or municipal garages or any facility that performs vehicle repair work.

As of April 5, 2000:

- ✓ No new permits for these systems are allowed.
- ✓ No new floor drains tied to septic systems or dry wells that receive waste from vehicle repair facilities are allowed.

A **Cesspool** is a drywell that receives untreated sanitary waste containing human excreta, which sometimes has an open bottom and/or perforated sides, and is completed above the water table so that its bottom and sides are typically dry except when receiving fluids.

EPA defines **large capacity** as:

1. Any **residential** cesspool used by a multiple dwelling, community or regional system for the disposal of sanitary wastes (for example: a duplex or apartment building) or,
2. Any **non-residential** cesspool that has the capacity to serve 20 or more people per day (for example: a rest stop, restaurant or church).

As of April 5, 2000:

- ✓ No new permits for large capacity cesspools are allowed.

